

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 30th June 2016

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel
Apologies	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Absent	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
In attendance	Dr M. Egan, Greffier of the States Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager

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1497/99(1)	<p>1. Commissioner for Standards</p> <p>The Committee welcomed Dr M. Egan, Greffier of the States, to discuss the position of Scrutiny in relation to the remit of the proposed Commissioner for Standards, which was being progressed by the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC).</p> <p>The Committee recalled its letter to PPC dated 14th January 2016, outlining that at that initial stage it had agreed in principle that it would be appropriate for the revised draft legislation to incorporate extending the remit of the Commissioner to include Scrutiny. However, once drafting was complete it would be grateful for the opportunity to make a final assessment of the proposed remit and provide feedback accordingly.</p> <p>Having since been provided with additional information, the Committee gave further consideration to the matter and concluded that it would not be appropriate for the remit of the Commissioner to include the Scrutiny function, due to previously unforeseen potential consequences. It agreed to write to PPC to request that this position be reflected in the legislation that was brought forward to the Assembly.</p> <p>The Committee further agreed to research the alternative framework of independent arbitrators seen within certain parts of the Australian parliamentary system, in order to establish if there was merit in pursuing such arrangements for relevant matters in relation to the Scrutiny function.</p>	<p>JLF/TO</p> <p>TO</p>